(c) As per the Public Enterprises Survey for 1983-84 the investment in 214 central public enterprises as on 31-3-84 amounted to Rs. 35411 crores.

(d) Names of the undertakings incurring losses are available in statement 2.7(B) at pages 55-56 of Volume I of the Public Enterprises Survey 1983-84 placed on the Table of Rajya Sabha on 15-3-85.

The measures taken by the Government to improve the performance of these enterprises include *inter alia*, regular monitoring of performance, provision of captive power plants wherever considered necessary and stand by arrangements for generation of power, investment in balancing facilities, upgradation of technology, training and retraining of personnel and adoption of various cost control measures.

Mini Cement Plants

39. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the total investment required for setting up of mini-cement plants in the country ;

(b) what criteria have been laid down for granting licences for setting up of mini-cement plants; and

(c) whether any financial assistance is given by Government to the entrepreneurs venturing to set up mini-cement plants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) According to the estimates made by the National Council for Cement and Building Materials (an autonomous organisation under the administration control of the Ministry of Industry), the average investment per tonne of installed annual capacity for setting up mini cement plants will be as under :—

Mini Cement Plant of 200 per day capacity based on Cement Research Institute—Vertical Shaft Kiln Technology)	Rs. 687
Mini Cement plant of 200 tonnes per day capacity based on Rotary Kiln Technology.	Rs. 1500

(b) Mini cement plants upto 100/200 tonnes per day capacity may be allowed to be set up on merits of each case, in areas which cannot sustain large cement plants. A certificate to this effect from the State Government concerned is insisted upon. Plants based on Vertical Shaft Technology are generally encouraged.

(c) Mini cement plants receive financial assistance from public financial instirutions like IDBI and not directly from Government, however, have exempted these units from the operation of price and distribution controls by virtue of which they received overall cost advantages *vis-a-vis* large cement plants to which such controls are applicable. Entrepreneurs setting up mini cement plants in notified backward areas, as in the case of other entrepreneurs, are eligible to receive central subsidy in accordance with the schemes drawn up for the purpose.

Bharat Leather Corporation

40. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Bharat Leather Corporation is one of the many public sector undertakings running at a loss ;

(b) what is the total investment of Government till 30th September, 1985 in the corporation, the total

expenditure for the last three years on various main Heads, like staff etc. and losses suffered during the period ;

(c) whether Government have gone into the reasons for which this sector has been running at a loss ; and

(d) if so, what are the findings of such a study ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given in the statement.

(c) and (d) The Government undertake performance review of the Company periodically. The Company *inter alia* has been advised to step up sales and economise on overheads.

Statement

(Rs. in lakhs)

I. Total investment as on 30-9-1985

(i) Share Capital	493.66
(ii) Loan from Central Govt.	9.00
(iii) Received from UP Govt.	15.00
	517.66

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85 (Provisional)
II. Total expenditure under main heads :			
(a) Purchases	155.48	167.80	253.20
(b) Freight & Cartage	2.55	4.82	12.56
(c) Discount	4.92	6.49	5.76
(d) Depreciation	1.20	1.69	1.72
(e) Interest	0.73	3.15	1.93
(f) Repair and Maint Vehicles	0.57	0.48	1.21
(g) Selling and distribution expenses	15.89	21.09	24.13
(h) Salaries & other benefits	36.96	43.63	49.87
(i) Rent	10.92	12.90	12.48
(j) Travelling allowance	3.56	6.16	6.28
(k) Printing & Stationery	2.04	2.36	2.66
(l) Power & Elect. expn.	1.13	1.08	1.44
(m) Repair & Maintenance	1.40	3.08	2.11
(n) Other expenses	5.99	6.87	6.48
	243.36	281.60	381.83
III. *Loss*	42.16	37.14	2.56

41. [Transferred to the 22nd November, 1985].